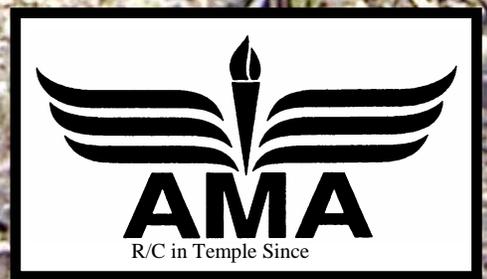


The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.
November 2005



This month's meeting will be held Monday, November 28th at 7:30pm at the Ronald McDonald House Meeting Room in Temple.



*Club Meeting
November 28th
Tree Trimming
Dec 3rd and 17th
Toys Fly-In
December 4th*

CLUB INFO

*Christmas
Banquet/
Officer
Elections
December 12th*

2005 Officers

President: Buster Hinkle
982-4746
Vice Pres/Sec. Doug Staines
780-3512
Treasurer: Buster Hinkle
982-4746
Safety Officer: Frank Sodek, Jr.
773-8081
Field Marshals: John Redwine
773-2742
John Rovetto
939-5659

Temple Event Schedule

Nov 28 Club Meeting 7:30pm
Dec 3 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am
Dec 4 Ronald McDonald/
Toys for Tots Fly-In 1pm
Dec 10 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am
Dec 12 Christmas Banquet/
Officer Elections 6:30pm
Dec 17 Tree Trimming @ the field 9am

Instructors

Frank Sodek, Jr. 773-8081
Mark Cullison 773-9686
Steve Meyer 939-6394
Paul Horan 780-1274
B.W. Ponder 778-6182



District VIII Events

(This is a complete list!)

Dec 3 GSW Toys for Tots, Fort Worth, TX
Dec 4 Jetero RC Big Bird, Huffman, TX
Dec 10 DEAF and 114th RC Aerosquadron Toys for
Tots Fly-In, Grapevine, TX

On The Cover

Tree trimming project chairman, Doug Staines, busy working over a tree this past Saturday during a tree trimming session. See article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Photograph by Mark Cullison

Club Dues are now due!

A membership form has been included in this newsletter. You must join/renew to participate in the officer elections at the upcoming Christmas Banquet.

Mark Cullison - Editor 773-9686
Frank Sodek, Jr.- Editor's Assistant 773-8081

On the web at: www.templeaeromodelers.org

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President's Report

It is 5:50 PM, November 15. I am flying back from a two day all expense paid G.E. Healthcare Lighting Conference in Cleveland, Ohio and I remembered I needed to write a President's article. I thought how cool it would be to write it while flying.

November is a cool down month for us, which is good for those of us who deer hunt. Speaking of which, I got a 140 lbs., 18 1/2 inch outside spread, 10 point buck opening evening in Kempner. Been hunting there since 1984, biggest one I got prior to this was 103 lbs.

Tree trimming is our main event. Last I heard it was progressing well. The Poker Fly-in was called off by Don Mondrik because of bad weather. Don informed us he would have the Poker Fly combined with the Santa Pal. I asked if he approved this with B.W., he said nope.

The captain informed us to buckle up, lot of tornadic storms. Now he said there is a squall line from Corpus Christi to Ontario with a 45,000 top and we are too heavy to fly over so we are landing in Nashville. Three hours and 10 minutes later, we are taking off to Dallas.

Bobby has reserved the same room at his church we used last year for our Christmas Banquet. We will have the Chinese Gift Exchange again.

I made a list of worthy candidates for 2006 officers. Had 13 on the list; let Mark and Don approved and maybe add on to the list. I talked to them; only 7 accepted. So unless something changes, we will not have a vote this year. I got all officers filled in with just one candidate extra and only one accepted President. I hope this will change one of these years. Don't forget to renew your dues; my mailbox was busy around the time of the last meeting last year.

A full moon is shining and it is clear as a bell up here. Would be nice to have a G.P.S.

P.S. We were too late to catch a flight to Killeen, so we had to spend the night on a cot. Not good for a tall person. All cars and hotels were booked up.

See y'all at the meeting.

Buster Hinkle

President/Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm by Buster Hinkle, President.

Buster Hinkle acknowledged Kelly Skrabanek as a visitor No new members were present.

Minutes for the meeting held in September were read by Douglas Staines. VP/Secretary; Motion made to accept the minutes was made by Fred Huber and 2nd by Paul Horan.

Treasurer's Report was read by Buster Hinkle, motion to accept report was made by Mark Cullison and 2nd by Don Mondrik.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Maintenance continued discussion in regards to the existing grass burr problem, deferred to late winter meetings; report given by Doug Staines on repairs recently made on the new mower; Buster Hinkle made inquire into obtaining a new supply of the industrial trash bags that the club had been using to date, indication was made that this supply was no longer available, Buster offered to obtain appropriate substitute; Outhouse repair discussion was tabled.

Tree Cutting/Trimming Doug Staines, Project Chairman gave a report on the progress of the project, reminded all present of the schedule change and the next scheduled work Saturday.

Fun Fly Buster gave a report of the Fall Fun Fly that was held on Sunday, October 2.

Indoor Flying no further information was presented at this time.

Christmas Party Bobby Zikes reported that the Hall has been reserved for Monday December 12 for the club's annual Christmas Party.

Poker Fly-In Don Mondrik gave a report on the event, which was cancelled due to high wind conditions; proposal made to combine the Poker Fly-in with the Toys for Tots Fly-in, which will be held Sunday, Dec 4th.

Web Site no information given at this time.

Battle-Floyd Combat Planes Bobby Zikes gave a report and indicated that 14 Plane Kits have been ordered, delivery date information to follow.

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NEW BUSINESS

2006 Election of Officers Buster offered to chair the Nomination Committee, Elections to take place during the Annual Christmas Party on December 12th.

Partners in Education Frank Sodek, Sr. presented a letter of appreciation for the donation the Club made to the Partners in Education Program, which was read by Buster.

BLUNDER AWARDS

1. John and Mike Greiner; father and son flying their P-51 Mustangs together crashing both within minutes of each other into adjacent trees; minor damage to the planes.
2. Mark Cullison, flying his Ultra Sport Pattern Plane, losing radio control while plane was at full throttle and making a couple loops ending with a crash into Lake Belton, resulting in total destruction of the plane.
3. Steve Sanders, crashing his plane into a tree following a loss of orientation, minor damage with landing gear.

John and Mike Greiner were declared this month's winner.

TRIP REPORTS

No trip reports made.

Motion to adjourn was made by Fred Huber and 2nd by James McCormick, Jr., meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by Doug Staines, VP/Secretary.

Don't forget to bring your donation items to the meeting for the Ronald McDonald House!!!

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	<u>\$4,878.56</u>
Total Deposits:	0.00
Debits	
Ronald McDonald – rent.....	20.00
Frank Sodek, Jr. (mower gas).....	31.75
Frank Sodek, Jr. (gate lock).....	43.24
Frank Sodek, Jr. (picnic drinks).....	28.73
Mark Cullison (stamps).....	37.00
Larry Macie (picnic table).....	97.37
Doug Staines (mower gas).....	28.01
Doug Staines (Redwine flowers).....	35.72
Doug Staines (cub mower parts).....	21.22
All Sports Trophies (Fall Fun Fly).....	32.48
Total Debits:	(375.52)
Balance October 2005	<u>\$4,503.04</u>

Submitted by *Buster Hinkle*
President/Treasurer

Ronald McDonald/Toys For Tots Fly-In

Our annual toy drive is quickly approaching. The event is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th, beginning around 1pm. The entry fee is a new unwrapped toy. The field will be open to fly whatever you bring, no competition of any kind will occur. B.W. Ponder will be the Contest Director for the event.

Chinese Gift Exchange

This year will be the (*twelfth*) time we play Chinese Christmas. It has always been a lot of fun. Everybody who wants to play needs to bring a \$5 to \$10 unmarked wrapped gift. Usually men bring a man's gift, women a woman's gift, kids a kid's gift. All the gifts are placed on a table with everybody's chairs placed in a big half circle around the table so everybody can see. All the gifts are counted, then that many numbers are placed in a can. You reach in and draw out a number, which determines when it is your turn to steal a gift or open one. For instance, if there are 43 gifts, the numbers 1 through 43 are in the can on little round stickers. If you draw the sticker with the #1, you go first. Open any gift, show everybody what it is, then put your #1 sticker on it. The person

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with #2 can steal that gift or open another gift. If you steal a gift you give the number that you have to that person, then that person can steal a gift or open one and put the sticker on it. Every time a gift is opened it gets the sticker put on it that was called out. After a gift is stolen 3 times it is frozen, no one can steal it any more. So whoever has #43 can steal any gift that is not frozen or open the last gift. Then the #1 person has a choice to swap their gift with any gift that is not frozen. If a gift is stolen that person cannot steal it directly back. Another gift has to be stolen or opened. Through the years husbands and wives have learned to team up to get what they want. It is a lot of fun. If you have any questions call or e-mail me or ask some of the old club members.

Buster Hinkle

(Ed. Note: This article was reprinted from last year's newsletter)

Christmas Banquet

Believe it or not, this year is almost gone and it's time for the club's annual Christmas Banquet! This year our banquet will be held on Monday, December 12th at Western Hills Church of Christ (same location as last year's party) beginning at 6:30 PM. The church is located at the Northwest corner of IH35 and West Adams (see the map included elsewhere in this newsletter). We have the two-story room attached to the back of the church reserved for our party. There is a large parking area in back of the church available for us to use.

While the event will officially begin with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30, the room is large enough for indoor electric flying, so there will be some club members coming early (4pm) and getting a few flights in before the meal starts. The club will provide drinks, plates and utensils; club members just need to bring a dish of goodies and a big appetite. Voting for club officers for next year will occur, so it's important for every member to attend. The evening will end with a Chinese gift exchange, which is always a lot of fun for all. Everyone who wants to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift in the \$10 dollar range. Bring your family and friends and join us in celebrating the end of another great year!

See you there!

Frank Sodek, Jr.

Tree Cutting/Trimming Project

Well the Tree Cutting/Trimming Project is well under way, and what an improvement it has been making. Recently someone was at the field and made the inquiry "when did you plant those trees". If you had not been to the field since the summer, you will not recognize it.

After 4 work days on the project, we are just short of about 40% completion. We have hauled off 32 trailer loads of brush and have opened up some huge areas that were previously shrouded in brush. We are coming across the remnants of planes that have encountered the trees in the past.

We still have a lot more to do, and need as much help as possible. The current Permit expires December 31, and we have 2 scheduled work days for Dec 3 and Dec 17, and a tentative work day for Saturday, December 31. I will get a consensus of the membership if the 31st is a good day or not. I suppose some of us would like to bring in the New Year early.

I don't expect us to finish the Project by the time the permit expires, even if we work on the 31st. We will be able to renew the permit, and hopefully we can finish the project before the warm weather arrives. I would like to see us finish it this spring so we don't have to continue next fall.

I want to thank all those that have participated on the project and extend an invitation to anyone that has not, to join in and lend a helping hand. I can't tell you enough how great it is to get a bunch of our members out. The project goes a lot better when we get a lot of help and the more trailers we get even better. We generally start at 9am and quit at noon, 4 hours and a lot of work later, but what an impact we have been making.

Looking forward to seeing you at the field, 9:00am Saturday, December 3 and 17, and possible the 31st. Remember to bring your chain saws, pruners, loppers and any other tree cutting tools. Weed eaters with brush cutting blades similar in appearance to circular saw blades work well. Heavy tined garden rakes are real helpful and if you have some nylon rope of ¾ to 1 inch diameter, bring it along as well.

Wishing you and your families the very best during the upcoming holiday season and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully yours,

Doug Staines
Project Coordinator.

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Tree Trimming Project, before...



...and AFTER!



Just Elected Club President, Now What?

by *Dave Brown*, AMA President

That feeling in the pit of your stomach is normal. Welcome to the group. Everyone goes through those moments of anxiety wondering what you are doing here, and it never changes. If you are later voted into another position, those feelings of anxiety will return but not for long.

For most of us, being elected to office is an opportunity to show members that we can do something to make life better for other aeromodelers. We really want to do that but ...

Now that we are in a position to make changes, the reality sets in that we cannot accomplish anything alone. In most clubs or other organizations—including AMA by the way—the “power” of the presidency is actually quite limited. In order to accomplish much, it is necessary to create a consensus among the board members or the group of officers. In some instances, it is necessary to get a vote from the entire club—or at least those who show up at the meetings—in order to do anything.

All you need to do is convince them. That is easier said than done sometimes, but if you recognize that your success depends on that, it is easier to get things done.

Every club has its movers and shakers, and I doubt if your club is any different. There always seems to be a few people in the club to whom the members look for guidance and the secret is to get them involved in the process. If you get an idea, give them a call. Ask what they think. Let them feel like they are a part of the process.

If they resist your idea, then see if you can work out a compromise which will get their support. In the end, if you can't convince those people, then you do not have much chance with the rest of the membership.

Most good ideas are developed over time as opposed to being instantly complete. Discussion with that “brain trust” is what matures an idea into a proposal and then into a plan. The fact is that a lot of those “brilliant flashes” in the eyes of the club went through this process, before it hit the club floor.

Don't be afraid to call a club member who is not generally one of those movers and shakers if that member has a specific interest in the subject at hand or can bring some expertise to the table. It's amazing how much more support you will get from the membership when you let them feel as if they are a part of the process rather than a hurdle to overcome.

Everyone comes to office in an aeromodeling organization wanting to accomplish things. Those who can convince the majority of members that they are acting in their best interest and involving them in the process, can accomplish much more than those who try to accomplish much through “revolution.”

Oh, by the way ... if you ran for office thinking that it would increase your time for flying, you probably need to rethink that. I have said many times that the longer you are around this sport, the more the attraction becomes the people rather than the model airplanes. Serving as an officer is a way to prove that.

Modelers are the greatest people on earth—even when they are arguing with you!

>>NOTICE<<

During the months of November, December and the first week of January, anybody crossing the east fence will be required to wear a “blaze orange” safety vest. Our neighbor will be deer hunting this season so all members need to wear them at all times whenever we visit his property to retrieve downed aircraft. Doing so is in everybody’s best interest. Let’s continue the good neighbor tradition!

TREE CUTTING & TRIMMING SCHEDULE

Here is a revised schedule for the Month of December, take note of the changes from the previous schedule. Please post this for future reference.

Saturday Dec 3
Saturday Dec 17
Saturday Dec 31(tentative)

Start time is 9:00am

The project is going well, we will continue to need maximum participation from the membership to be successful.

Remember, to bring your chain saws, pruners, loppers and any other tree trimming tools. Also needed are flat bed trailers to haul off the limbs and brush, more trailers the better.

Anyone with powered Brush Hogs would be helpful. Weedeaters equipped brush cutting blades similar in appearance to a circular saw blade, heavy tined garden rakes and ½ to 1 inch nylon rope.

Your Help is Appreciated

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Temple Aero Modelers

To join the Temple Aero Modelers or renew your dues, please fill out this form, enclose a check, and mail to:

Temple Aero Modelers

c/o Buster Hinkle
11591 Pritchard Rd.
Temple, TX 76501

Make check payable to:
Temple Aero Modelers

(check or cash can also be brought to the next club meeting)

Name: _____ AMA#: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Radio Channels that you fly: _____

Phone: (____) ____-____ (Home)
(____) ____-____ (Work)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Amount enclosed for:

	Full Year*	
Adult member dues (18 and over)	\$40.00	_____
Additional family member	\$20.00	_____
Senior member dues (over 65)	\$20.00	_____
Junior member dues (under 18)	\$10.00	_____
Associate member	\$10.00	_____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

*For new members only – if joining in the first quarter (Jan-Mar): 100% of full year dues; second quarter (Apr-Jun): 75% of full year dues; third quarter (Jul-Sep): 50% of full year dues; fourth quarter (Oct-Dec): 25% of full year dues.

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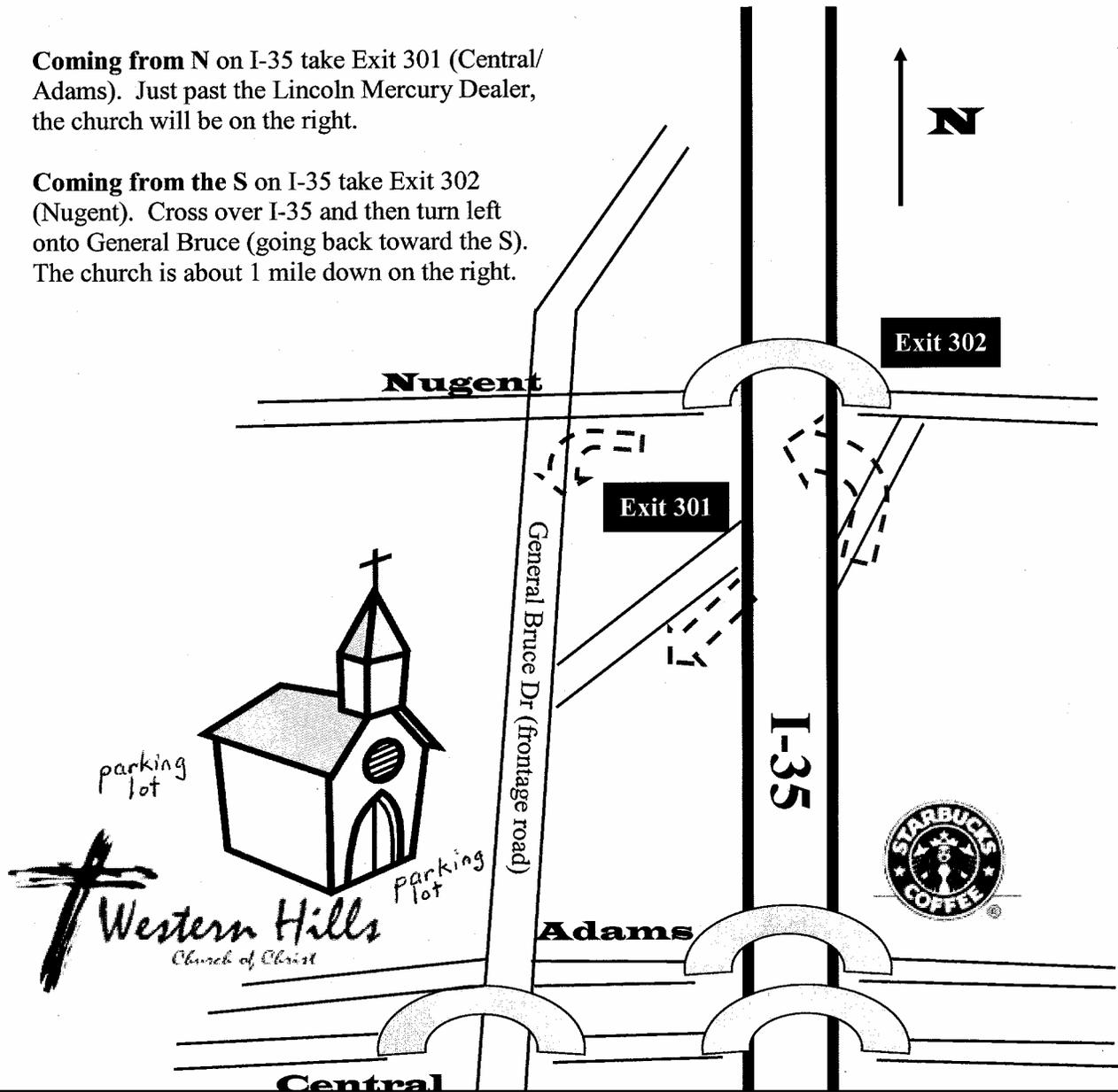
699-5302 home

290-6080 cell

Temple Aero Modeler's Christmas Banquet Location

Coming from N on I-35 take Exit 301 (Central/ Adams). Just past the Lincoln Mercury Dealer, the church will be on the right.

Coming from the S on I-35 take Exit 302 (Nugent). Cross over I-35 and then turn left onto General Bruce (going back toward the S). The church is about 1 mile down on the right.



The most important thing is that everyone needs to know to park in the large parking lot in the rear of the church. The Family Life Center is the rectangular shaped, two story building on the back of the church building. We will need to enter in the south corner door. I will make and post signs to help guide you.

Bobby Zikes

(Editor's note: Heading west on Adams, turn right on the street just past the Purvis Bearing building to get to the back side of the church. If heading south on the frontage road, you could also just pull into the front entrance and drive around to the back.)

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